

REMARKS

The non-elected claims, 1-3 and 19-20, have been cancelled.

The allowance of claims 4-8 is noted and appreciated.

The objection to claim 9 is believed to be overcome by combining the subject matter of claim 9 with that of claim 4 as new independent claim 21, in accordance with one of the suggestions set forth by the Examiner.

Claim 14 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 4.

The title of the invention has been changed as required by paragraph 6 of the Office Action.

The double patenting rejection of claims 10-13 is now believed overcome by changing the dependency thereof from claim 9 to claim 21.

Enclosed is a certified copy of the foreign priority document, Italian Application No. TO 2000 A 001048.

It is believed that requirements (a) – (e) in paragraph 13 of the Office Action have now been complied with and that the application is now in condition for allowance.